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Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were
cited during the prosecution of parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/548,744, which
issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,711,620 on March 23, 2004:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,619,501 to TAMER et al., which issued on April 8, 1997;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,818,935 to MAA, which issued on October 6, 1998;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,212,792 to GERETY et al., which issued on May 18, 1993;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,825,865 to OBERLANDER et al., which issued on October 20,
1998;
- (5) European Search Report for European Patent Application No. 00303159, mailed
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(6) European Search Report for European Patent Application No. 00303159.8, mailed on August 16, 2002.

The above-noted documents were cited and made of record by the Examiner in the parent application, and thus copies are not being provided herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (d)(i).

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

(7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-11962, which was published on January 22, 1993, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is mentioned on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

(8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-250126, which was published on September 28, 1993, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following commonly assigned co-pending divisional applications that are based on the above-noted parent application:

(9) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/721,416 to YOSHII et al., which was published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0107248 on June 3, 2004;

(10) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/721,415 to YOSHII et al., which published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0107446 on June 3, 2004;

(11) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/756,268 to YOSHII et al., which published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0148413 on July 29, 2004;

(12) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/756,425 to YOSHII et al., which was filed on January 14, 2004;

(13) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/756,539 to YOSHII et al., which published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0148345 on July 29, 2004;

(14) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/756,503 to YOSHII et al., which was filed on January 14, 2004; and

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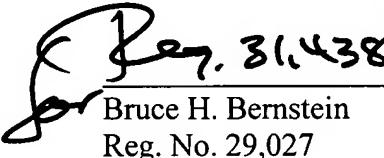
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Respectfully Submitted,
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	1	English language Abstract of JP 5-11962.
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